

CHAPTER 3.1.11.

INFECTION WITH *XENOHALLOTIS*
CALIFORNIENSIS

Article 3.1.11.1.

For the purposes of this *Aquatic Code*, infection with *Candidatus Xenohalio**tis californiensis* means infection only with *Xenohalio**tis californiensis*.

Methods for surveillance, diagnosis and confirmatory identification are provided in the *Aquatic Manual*.

Rationale:

It is premature for the OIE to use the scientific name of this organism as shown. The bacterial pathogen's taxonomy has not been formally accepted as *Xenohalio**tis californiensis* by the International Society of Microbiology.

Article 3.1.11.3.

Commodities

1. When authorising import or transit of the following *commodities*, *Competent Authorities* should not require any *Xenohalio**tis californiensis* related conditions, regardless of the *Xenohalio**tis californiensis* status of the *exporting country*, *zone* or *compartment*:
 - a) From the species listed in Article 3.1.11.2. for any purpose:
 - i) Commercially-sterile canned or other heat treated products;
 - ii) *Gametes*, *larvae*;
 - iii) Shells.

Comments

Article 3.1.7.3 1)a: ii) Larvae were excluded in this article, but included for all other mollusc chapters.

Articles 3.1.11.7 and 3.1.11.10

The sentence in each of these articles which reads:

“The certificate ~~shall~~**should** be in accordance with the Model Certificate in Appendix 6.3.2..”

Comment: Recommend replacing the word “shall” with “should” as it is a more appropriate term when referring to a recommended procedure.